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26 March 1964

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, National Reconnaissance Office


ATTENTION: Director, NRO Staff

SUBJECT: Request for Ephemeris Data for  
Next KH-7 Mission

REFERENCE: CWG-D-4/2

1. On 12 February 1964 the COMOR Photo Working Group provided to the NRO a complete list of targets (CWG-D-4/2) which fell within the nominal ephemeris for Mission 4005. Since 4005 did not go successfully, the same list was used on 4006 which had the same nominal ephemeris. The ability to target by revolution was extremely valuable in terms of substantive intelligence and priority collection.

2. It is COMOR's understanding that the KH-7, 4007, is scheduled for 9 April. COMOR requests that the nominal ephemeris be made available not later than 1 April to permit the COMOR PWG to provide guidance along the lines of the reference memorandum. Also it is requested that in the event the nominal ephemeris is not achieved, the NRO make available to the PWG immediately the actual ephemeris so that revised priority guidance can be made available.\*

  
James Q. Reber  
Chairman  
Committee on Overhead Reconnaissance

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\*The Air Force COMOR member is not in agreement with this document. The Photo Working Group should only be concerned with the selection of priority targets and provide this data to the NRO. The NRO would then program to maximize the "take" from this list. In the event of an eccentric orbit, it is vital that the target list be based solely on target priority rather than orbital data.

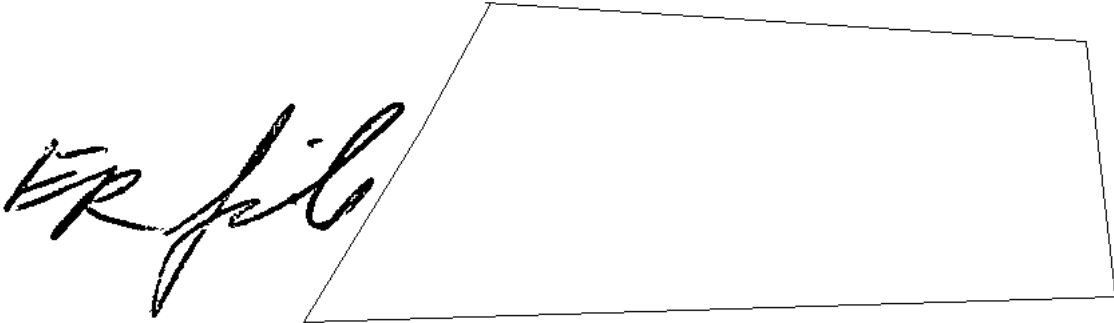
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